

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-12 (cancelled) :

Claim 13 (new) : A process for producing consumable products having an outer shell (1) comprising introducing a substance (10) for forming the outer shell into a mold (4), and moving into the mold a temperature-controlled ram (3.1 to 3.4), wherein the substance (10) is placed under pressure as the ram (3.1 to 3.4) is moved into the mold.

Claim 14 (new) : The process as claimed in claim 13, further including moving a displacement ram (7) into the substance (10).

Claim 15 (new) : The process as claimed in claim 13, further including feeding under pressure a gas (21) which is applied to the substance (10).

Claim 16 (new) : The process as claimed in claim 13, further including applying an internal pressure to the temperature-controlled ram (3.3, 3.4) after it has moved in.

Claim 17 (new) : The process as claimed in claim 13, including guiding the displacement ram (7) inside the temperature-controlled ram (3.1).

Claim 18 (new): An apparatus for carrying out the process of claim 17, wherein the temperature-controlled ram (3.1) has an axial bore (6) in which the displacement ram (7) is guided.

Claim 19 (new): The apparatus as claimed in claim 18, wherein in the starting position the displacement ram (7) is retracted slightly into the axial bore (6).

Claim 20 (new): An apparatus for carrying out the process as claimed in claim 13, wherein at least one tube (15), bore or the like, which is in communication with a gas connection 21, passes through the temperature-controlled ram (3.2).

Claim 21 (new): An apparatus for carrying out the process as claimed in claim 13, wherein the temperature-controlled ram (3.3, 3.4) is at least partially elastic and surrounds an interior space (18) into which a pressure medium is applied.

Claim 22 (new): The apparatus as claimed in claim 21, wherein the pressure medium is a cooling medium.

Claim 23 (new): The apparatus as claimed in claim 21, wherein the temperature-controlled ram (3.4) has an opening which is covered by a diaphragm (23).

Claim 24 (new): The apparatus as claimed in claim 23, wherein, in the starting position of the temperature-controlled ram (3.4), the diaphragm (23) is curved inward, and curves outward when the pressure medium is applied.